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QUESTIONS

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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

AS REPORTED IN REF A, CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO DEPARTMENT ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBM'S) SO THAT US VIEWS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST CANADIANS IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST. WE WILL BE CONFIRMING TO CANADIAN EMBASSY OUR SECRET

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QUESTIONS IS GREATER THAN WHAT WE ENVISAGE IN ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS (I.E., REF B). FURTHER, WE WILL RESPOND TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

- A. QUESTION ON US POLICY ON NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS BY LAND, SEA, AND AIR FORCES BETWEEN US AND EUROPE. WE HAVE BASIC RESERVATIONS ON STABILIZING MEASURES RELATING TO MILITARY QTE MOVEMENTS UNQTE (REF C) IN CSCE, AND DO NOT ENVISAGE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF US MOVEMENTS IN CSCE CBM CONTEXT.
- B. QUESTION ON US POLICY WITH REGARD TO NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS ON THE HIGH SEAS. WE HAVE NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON APPLICABILITY OF CSCE MEASURES TO THE HIGH SEAS. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH DISCUSSION AT CSCE, WHICH COULD GET INTO DELICATE QUESTION OF PRECISE GEOGRAPHIC APPLICABILITY OF CSCE CBM'S. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE NOTIFICATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS OF MANEUVERS INVOLVING THE HIGH SEAS -- INDEED, WE HAVE INCLUDED STRONG EXPRESS IN OUR ILLUSTRATIVE LIST -- BUT, IN KEEPING WITH OUR VIEW OF LISTS OF MANEUVERS AS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE PRECISE GUIDELINES OR GRADATIONS DEVELOPED ON THIS QUESTION.
- C. QUESTION ON US VIEW OF NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS WITHIN THE US. WE DO NOT INTEND TO GIVE NOTIFICATION OF SUCH MANEUVERS IN CSCE CBM FRAMEWORK.
- D. QUESTION ON US VIEW ON ACCEPTING OBSERVERS WITHIN THE US. WE WOULD OPPOSE THIS.

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